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TO AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE IMMEDIATE

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INFO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS

REFS: (A) STATE 88432 (B) YAOUNDE 1398

1. AIRLINES HERE INFORM US THAT NEITHER UT 768 (MAY 16) NOR UY 743 (MAY 18) ARE SCHEDULED FLIGHTS (PARA 2 REFTEL A). DAVIS THUS TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED TO DEPART LIBREVILLE MAY 16 AT 0935 VIA RK 49, ARRIVING DOUALA AT 1035. HE WOULD THUS MISS UY 788, DEPARTING DOUALA AT 1000 AND, IF SCHEDULE IS CORRECT, NEXT AVAILABLE FLIGHT TO YAOUNDE WOULD BE UY 404, DEPARTING DOUALA AT 1620 AND ARRIVING YAOUNDE AT 1715. NON-EXISTENCE OF UY 743 MAY 18, IF CORRECT, WOULD MEAN THAT DAVIS WOULD HAVE TO DEPART YAOUNDE MAY 17 AT 1700 VIA UY 791, SPENDING NIGHT IN DOUALA, TO DEPART DOUALA MAY 18 VIA UY 70, APPARENTLY ONLY WAY OUT OF DOUALA MAY 18 OR 19. (FYI - DAVIS MUST RETURN TO WASHINGTON BY MAY 20 FOR BEGINNING OF VISIT OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR OF SENEGAL. END FYI)

2. VISIT TO YAOUNDE AS DESCRIBED PARA 1, WOULD NOT INCLUDE PART OF ANY WORKING DAY AND WOULD BE DRASTICALLY

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REDUCED. EMBASSY THUS REQUESTED TO SUGGEST ALTERNATE

TRAVEL POSSIBILITIES WITHIN CAMEROON, INCLUDING
CHARTER IF NECESSARY, TO PRESERVE USEFULNESS OF VISIT.

3. SUBSTANCE OF SCHEDULE, AS SUGGESTED PARAS 1 AND 2
REFTEL B, IS ACCEPTABLE TO DAVIS.

4. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN NEWS RELEASE ON VISIT.
DAVIS PREPARED RESPOND TO PRESS INQUIRIES -- PERHAPS
AFTER VISIT TO PRESIDENT -- CONSISTENT WITH CUSTOMARY
LOCAL PRACTICE, WITH INTERPRETATION (WHICH EMBASSY
REQUESTED TO PROVIDE.)

5. DAVIS AND STAFF ASSISTANT ACCEPT KIND INVITATION
TO STAY AT RESIDENCE WITH PLEASURE. KISSINGER

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